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**Red Meat Production - Colorado and United States**

Area And Species	Nov.	Oct.	Nov.	January-November	
	2009	2010	2010	2009	2010
	<b>Million Pounds</b>				
<b>Colorado:</b> .....	151.1	174.2	171.1	1,872.4	1,946.3
<b>United States:</b> .....	3,964.0	4,265.2	4,329.2	45,125.2	44,694.9
Beef .....	2,016.1	2,237.8	2,235.7	23,831.4	24,043.8
Veal .....	11.7	11.4	11.3	125.3	122.6
Pork .....	1,921.7	2,002.9	2,067.8	21,013.7	20,380.0
Lamb & Mutton	14.3	13.1	14.3	154.8	148.6

<sup>1/</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

**LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - NOVEMBER 2010**

Production of red meat in **Colorado** during November 2010 totaled 171.1 million pounds, 13 percent above the same month last year but 2 percent below October 2010. Beef slaughter was up 12 percent from a year ago to 195,800 head and the average live weight increased 14 pounds to 1,337 pounds. Hog slaughter at 700 head decreased 13 percent from the previous year and the average live weight decreased 22 pounds to 247 pounds. Accumulated production of all red meat for the January-November 2010 period totaled 1.94 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 1.87 billion pounds produced during the same period in 2009.

Commercial red meat production for the **United States** totaled 4.33 billion pounds in November, up 9 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in November 2009. Beef production at, 2.24 billion pounds, was 11 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.88 million head, up 11 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,299 pounds.

Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 72,900 head, down 10 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from last year, at 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.97 million head, up 5 percent from November 2009. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 14.3 million pounds, was down slightly from November 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 218,000 head, 1 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, unchanged from November a year ago.

January to November 2010 commercial red meat production was 44.7 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

**CATTLE ON FEED - DECEMBER 1, 2010**

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in **Colorado** feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,090,000 head as of December 1, 2010. The latest inventory remained unchanged from November 1, 2010, but is up 3 percent from the 1,060,000 on feed on December 1, 2009. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during November 2010. This was 12 percent below October 2010 marketings of 170,000 head but 7 percent above a year ago. An estimated 155,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during November, down 6 percent from a year ago and 43 percent below the October 2010 placements of 270,000. Of the number placed in November, 29 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 26 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 26 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for November, at 5,000 head, was unchanged from November 2009 but 5,000 below October 2010.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the **United States** for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on December 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above December 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during November totaled 1.96 million, 6 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.90 million head. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625,000, 600-699 pounds were 590,000, 700-799 pounds were 373,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 370,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.77 million, 9 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 during November, 6 percent below 2009.

**Cattle on Feed, Colorado and United States,  
1,000 Plus Capacity, Nov. 1 to Dec. 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<b>1,000 head</b>			
On Feed Nov. 1	1,040	1,090	11,134	11,487
Placements During Nov.	165	155	1,844	1,958
< 600 pounds	40	45	510	625
660- 699 Pounds	50	40	565	590
700 - 799 Pounds	35	30	395	373
800 Plus Pounds	40	40	375	370
Marketings During Nov.	140	150	1,635	1,774
Other Disap. During Nov.	5	5	66	62
On Feed Dec 1	1,060	1,090	11,277	11,609

**HOG AND PIG INVENTORY –  
DECEMBER 1, 2010**

Colorado's December 1, 2010 inventory of all hogs and pigs, at 720,000 head, increased 1 percent from a year ago but was down 1 percent from the September 2010 total. The breeding hog inventory of 150,000 head remained unchanged from December 1, 2009 and unchanged from September 2010. The market hog inventory for December 1, 2010 was 570,000 head, up 2 percent from a year earlier but down 2 percent from September 1, 2010.

Colorado's 2010 pig crop of 2.8 million head was 6 percent above 2009. There were 286,000 sows farrowed during the December 2009 through November 2010 time period compared with 288,000 sows farrowed during the comparable period a year earlier. The 2010 average litter size was 9.79 pigs this year, up from 9.14 pigs per litter in 2009.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010 was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2010 pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter, and down 5 percent from December 2008-February 2009 quarter. Intended farrowings for March-May 2011, at 2.86 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total United States hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

**Revisions**

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2009 through September 2010 were reviewed using slaughter, death loss and current import and export data. Based on this review, an adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the September 2010 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one percent was made to the June 2010 total inventory while an adjustment of less than 2 percent was made to the March-May 2010 pig crop.

**Hogs and Pigs, December 1, 2009-2010**

Item	Colorado		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<b>1,000 Head</b>			
All Hogs & Pigs .....	710	720	64,887	64,325
Kept for breeding .....	150	150	5,850	5,778
Market .....	560	570	59,037	58,547
Under 50 lbs .....	270	265	18,705	18,564
50-119 lbs .....	115	105	16,782	16,519
120-179 lbs .....	50	70	12,299	12,208
180 lbs. & over .....	125	130	11,252	11,256
Sows Farrowed 1/ .....	288	286	11,904	11,555
Pigs per litter 1/ .....	9.14	9.79	9.62	9.78
Pig Crop 1/ .....	2,633.0	2,800.0	114,540.0	112,988.8

1/ Annual: December previous year - November current year

**CHICKENS AND EGGS - NOVEMBER 2010**

Colorado laying flocks produced 85 million eggs during November 2010, down 4 million from a month earlier and down 6 million from November 2009. The number of layers during November 2010 totaled 3.56 million, 5 percent below a year earlier but up 4 percent from the previous month. The average rate of lay for November 2010, at 2,364 eggs per 100 layers, compares with 2,414 eggs per 100 layers during November 2009 and 2,485 for October 2010.

United States egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 970 million were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2010 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,232 eggs, down slightly from November 2009. All layers in the United States on December 1, 2010 totaled 340 million, up slightly from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2010, averaged 74.9 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from December 1, 2009.

**AGRICULTURAL PRICES - DECEMBER 15, 2010**

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) but the Livestock

Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle and lower prices for lettuce, milk, oranges, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The December All Crops Index is 179, up 1.1 percent from November and 19 percent above December 2009. Index increases for feed grains & hay, oilseeds, food grains, and cotton more than offset the index decreases for fruits & nuts and commercial vegetables. The December all wheat price, at \$7.05 per bushel, is up 92 cents from November and \$2.18 above December 2009. The corn price, at \$4.94 per bushel, is up 39 cents from last month and \$1.34 above December 2009. The all hay price, at \$112 per ton, is up \$1.00 from November and up \$7.00 from last December. The sorghum grain, at \$9.17 per hundredweight, is 73 cents above November and \$3.46 above December last year. The soybean price, at \$11.70 per bushel, increased 60 cents from November and is \$1.90 above December 2009. The all potato price, at \$8.52 per hundredweight, is up 46 cents from November and \$1.05 from last December. The all dry bean price, at \$25.00 per hundredweight, is down \$1.90 from the previous month and \$6.20 below December 2009.

The December Livestock and Products index, at 135, is 0.7 percent below last month but up 13 percent from December 2009. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for cattle, broilers, hogs, turkeys, calves, milk, and eggs. The December hog price, at \$51.90 per hundredweight, is up \$4.10 from November and \$6.90 higher than a year ago. The December beef cattle price of \$97.60 per hundredweight is up \$3.60 from last month and \$19.10 higher than December 2009. The December all milk price of \$16.80 per hundredweight is \$1.10 lower than last month but 30 cents higher than December 2009.

**Prices Received and Paid Summary, United States**

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.
	<b>Percent</b>			
Prices Received .....	136	135	159	160
Prices Paid .....	177	178	188	191
Ratio 1/ .....	77	76	85	84

1/ Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates.

**Colorado's** December 2010 crop prices averaged higher from a year ago, except dry edible beans and other hay (baled). All livestock prices averaged higher than a year ago. Mid-December 2010 wheat, at \$6.59 per bushel, increased 76 cents from the previous month and was \$2.12 above December a year ago. Corn prices increased 76 cents from November to \$5.09 per bushel and averaged \$1.40 above December 2009. Potatoes increased \$1.00 per hundredweight from last month to \$11.80, \$5.50 higher than December 2009. Dry bean prices averaged \$21.50 per hundredweight in December, down \$3.00 from the previous month and \$10.90 below the same month in 2009. The Mid-December 2010 alfalfa hay price, at \$130.00 per ton, increased \$5.00 from the previous month but was

unchanged from a year ago. Other hay prices, at \$105.00 per ton, were unchanged from the previous month and down \$5.00 from December 2009. Steer and heifer prices, at \$115.00 per hundredweight, increased \$4.00 from November and were \$28.00 per hundredweight above December 2009. December 2010 cow prices, at \$58.70 per hundredweight, averaged \$2.30 above the November price and \$13.10 above December a year ago. Calves, at \$138.00 per hundredweight, were up \$10.00 from the previous month and \$32.00 per hundredweight above December 2009. The December all milk price of \$17.20 per hundredweight was down \$1.00 from last month but increased 80 cents from a year ago.

**Average Prices Received By Farmers 1/**

Item	Unit	Colorado		
		Dec. 2009	Nov. 2010	Dec. 2010
<b>Dollars</b>				
<b>Crops</b>				
Wheat .....	Bu.	4.47	5.83	6.59
Corn .....	Bu.	3.69	4.33	5.09
Barley (All) .....	Bu.	5.15	4.13	3/
Potatoes .....	Cwt	6.30	10.80	11.80
Dry edible beans.....	Cwt	32.40	24.50	21.50
Alfalfa hay (baled).....	Ton	130.00	125.00	130.00
Other hay (baled).....	Ton	110.00	105.00	105.00
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>				
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt	86.20	110.00	114.00
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	87.00	111.00	115.00
Cows .....	Cwt	45.60	56.40	58.70
Calves.....	Cwt	106.00	128.00	138.00
Sheep.....	Cwt	40.00	46.00	2/
Lambs.....	Cwt	98.70	136.00	2/
Milk sold to plants.....	Cwt	16.40	18.20	17.20
<b>United States</b>				
<b>Dollars</b>				
<b>Crops</b>				
Wheat .....	Bu.	4.87	6.13	7.05
Corn .....	Bu.	3.60	4.55	4.94
Soybeans .....	Bu.	9.80	11.10	11.70
Barley (All) .....	Bu.	4.54	3.82	3.98
Barley (Feed).....	Bu.	2.63	3.31	3.69
Sorghum .....	Cwt	5.71	8.44	9.17
Potatoes .....	Cwt	7.47	8.06	8.52
Dry edible beans.....	Cwt	31.20	26.90	25.00
Alfalfa hay (baled).....	Ton	109.00	117.00	121.00
Other hay (baled).....	Ton	96.20	95.50	94.60
Onions.....	Cwt	7.83	18.70	13.00
<b>Livestock &amp; Products</b>				
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt	78.50	94.00	97.60
Steers & heifers .....	Cwt	83.80	101.00	104.00
Cows .....	Cwt	43.50	51.70	54.20
Calves.....	Cwt	105.00	124.00	128.00
Sheep.....	Cwt	44.40	54.20	2/
Lambs.....	Cwt	98.70	142.00	2/
Hogs .....	Cwt	45.00	47.80	51.90
Milk sold to plants.....	Cwt	16.50	17.90	16.80
Broilers.....	Lb.	0.42	0.47	0.46

1/ Prices received by farmers refer to prices at the point of first sale out of farmer's hands and should not be confused with prices of specific grades or classes of a particular agricultural commodity. They do not include direct government payments. 2/ Mid month prices discontinued 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

## COLD STORAGE

November 30, 2010

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2010 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, eggs, cheese and beef. Butter stocks were down 36 percent from last month and down 51 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 2 percent from the previous month but down slightly from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 3 percent from both the previous month and last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 62 percent from last month but down 16 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2010 were down 18 percent from the previous month but up 4 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 4 percent from the previous month and up 16 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 57 percent from last month and down 28 percent from November 30, 2009.

### UPCOMING REPORTS

Colorado and U.S. data from most of the following reports will appear in subsequent issues of AG UPDATE. However, those who have an immediate need for the data may call this office after 1:15 P.M. on the day of release - toll free 1-800-392-3202. The complete USDA report is also available on the Worldwide Web at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov>

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### Stocks in Storage, United States

Commodity	Nov. 30, 2009	Oct. 31, 2010	Nov. 30, 2010
	<b>1,000 Pounds</b>		
Butter .....	142,661	108,809	70,023
Cheese, total natural .....	961,745	1,035,631	1,006,276
Eggs, frozen .....	21,158	25,552	22,790
Poultry, total frozen .....	908,313	1,148,123	946,235
Chicken.....	659,326	734,540	767,392
Turkey.....	244,480	410,161	175,845
Fruits, frozen.....	1,428,198	1,335,652	1,259,892
Fruit Juices, frozen.....	1,443,582	1,235,920	1,146,078
Vegetables, total frozen .....	2,603,565	2,619,711	2,516,453
Potatoes, total frozen.....	1,108,070	1,122,920	1,127,723
Meats, total red .....	430,913	414,647	440,960
Beef, total frozen .....	371,515	347,870	372,942
Pork, total frozen .....	482,816	481,653	469,421

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the Armed Forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.